

onstrate by their achievements and success that the promise of the American Dream is within the grasp of every one of our citizens.

America's small business entrepreneurs are risk-takers, venturing into new and often uncertain territory. As a Nation, we are indebted to these bold men and women. With unparalleled commitment and determination, they keep us at the forefront of innovation and help fuel our economy.

During the past decade, more than 600,000 new firms have been created annually. Indeed, just last year, more small businesses were created than at any time in our country's history. Through much of this period, small businesses generated most of the Nation's new jobs. Today, they employ almost 60 percent of the country's private work force.

Growing numbers of women and minorities are empowering themselves through small business ownership, taking risks, and pursuing their entrepreneurial ambitions. New programs are teaching business ownership skills to our youth. And our Administration's Reinventing Government initiative—building a government that works better and costs less—will help sustain this entrepreneurial spirit for generations to come.

As we approach a new era of economic opportunity, our Nation's small business owners continue to inspire us by their example. On behalf of all Americans, I thank these hardworking citizens across the country for helping to keep the American Dream alive.

Now, Therefore, I, William J. Clinton, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim April 30 through May 6, 1995, as "Small Business Week." I ask all Americans to join me in saluting the small business owners of our Nation during this week with appropriate events and ceremonies.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-eighth day of April, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and nineteenth.

William J. Clinton

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Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

April 23

In the morning, the President and Hillary Clinton helped plant a tree on the South Lawn in memory of those killed or injured in the Oklahoma City bombing. They then traveled to Oklahoma City, OK.

Following their arrival in the afternoon, the President and Hillary Clinton went to the State Fair Grounds Arena where they met with members of search and rescue teams. Later in the afternoon, they met with families affected by the bombing.

In the evening, the President traveled to Minneapolis, MN.

April 24

In the morning, the President met with community college students at the Minneapolis Convention Center.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Des Moines, IA, where he met with the editorial board of the Des Moines Register.

The President announced his intention to nominate Lannon Walker to be Ambassador to Cote d'Ivoire.

The President announced his intention to nominate David C. Litt to be Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates.

The President announced his intention to nominate James Alan Williams for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as the Special Coordinator for Cyprus.

The President announced his intention to nominate Mosina H. Jordan to be Ambassador to the Central African Republic.

The President announced his intention to nominate Donald K. Steinberg to be Ambassador to Angola.

April 25

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to nominate Sandra J. Kristoff for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as U.S. Coordinator for Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation.

The President announced his intention to appoint Frank E. (Sam) Maynes as the U.S. Commissioner of the Upper Colorado River Commission.

The President named the following individuals to serve as delegates to the White House Conference on Aging: Fidel Aguilar, Frank Alexander, Samuel Amorose, Lena Archuleta, Norma Asnes, Judy Basham, Theresa Burns, Shirley Cagle, Helen Carlstrom, Amelia Castillo, George Chassey, Harvey Cohen, Victoria Cowell, Erica Goode, Pauline Gore, Helene Grossman, Harry Guenther, Richard Gunther, Lars Hennum, Sherrye Henry, Peggy Houston, Laura Hyatt, Theresa McKenna, Matthew McNulty, Herbert McTaggart, Cecil Malone, Rose Marie Meridith, Wesley Parrott, Madeline Parsons, Nancy Peace, Charlie Peritore, Frederick Perkins, Mike Rankin, Linda Rhodes, Kay Ryder, Janice Schakowsky, Lynn Williams Shipp, Eleanor Slater, Alan Solomont, Viston Taylor, Norman Vaughan, Fredda Vladeck, Diana Wiley, Norma Wisor, and Ken Worley.

April 26

In the morning, the President and Hillary Clinton attended funeral services for Alan G. Whicher, a Secret Service agent killed in the Oklahoma City bombing, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Rockville, MD.

The President announced his intention to nominate David W. Burke as Chairman and Edward E. Kaufman, Tom C. Korologos, and Bette Bao Lord as members of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for the International Bureau of Broadcasting.

The President declared a major disaster in Oklahoma City, OK, following the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building on

April 19, making Federal aid available to affected individuals in Oklahoma County.

April 27

In the morning, the President met with Foreign Minister Andrey Kozyrev of Russia. Following the meeting, he had a telephone conversation with President Boris Yeltsin of Russia.

The President announced his intention to nominate Richard J. Stern to the National Council on the Arts.

The President announced his intention to nominate William H. LeBlanc III to the Postal Rate Commission.

April 28

The President announced his intention to reappoint the following members to the Federal National Mortgage Association:

- William M. Daley;
- Thomas Leonard;
- John R. Sasso;
- Jose Villarreal.

The President announced his intention to appoint Susan Albert Loewenberg and William E. Morgan as members of the Board of Directors of the Federal Prison Industries Corporation.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted April 24

A. Peter Burleigh, of California, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Maldives.